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From the Editor-in-Chief

By profession we are a group of strong minded individuals. As AUSAs we're advocates. We have to be strong minded. As we fight the daily battles on behalf of the government and of crime victims, oftentimes the last thing we want to hear from Washington is that we're not seeing the big picture. A silent scream reverberates within us—why don't they come out here and experience the picture?

This special issue of the is dedicated to one who always kept both pictures on her radarscope—our outgoing Director of the Executive Office of United States Attorneys, Carol DiBattiste. While Carol has had an incredibly interesting professional career, the prior job experience most important to her tenure at EOUSA is that she was an AUSA in Miami and she has chosen to end her tenure as Director of EOUSA to again become an AUSA in Miami. As this issue goes to press, she is already hard at work at her new job as Deputy United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

When former Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick asked Carol to become the Director of EOUSA in 1994, no one could have predicted the changes Carol's energy would produce in three short years. In this case, Rome was built, torn down, and rebuilt in a day. From the beginning, Carol knew that to make the organization more efficient, more functional, and of more use to United States Attorneys' offices, she would need the combined wisdom of the veterans at EOUSA and the national AUSA community. She sought the guidance and ideas of AUSAs who were battling in the trenches. As she made us part of the team, she required us to take on a new perspective—to view the implementation of our ideas from a national viewpoint.

Although there was never an empty minute in her 14 plus hour days, she always found a way to make time to hear any and every AUSA idea. As she patiently listened to each new suggestion, you could literally watch her mind at work as the questions formed silently and then were delivered rapid fire. Will this plan benefit and serve the mission of United States Attorneys? How does it impact other DOJ initiatives? Is it duplicated elsewhere? Is it cost efficient? Do we have the right people to implement the plan and to make it work? Can we implement this national program by the close of business today? Oh, yes—she challenged you to produce all you could produce. My own experience is typical of this process. I was frustrated by the fact that we couldn't put our hands on good DOJ research materials. I suggested that OLE might devote some of its resources to the production of a high-quality series of law books written by Federal prosecutors for Federal prosecutors. I received a call from Carol telling me to come to Washington immediately to discuss this proposal. When I got there, she wanted to know when I could start producing these books! But the OLE Litigation Series was only to be the tip of the iceberg. Next she wanted me to take over the . Then I made the mistake of telling her I thought Ed Hagen and I could engineer a rewrite of the and that we could shorten it to one volume. Carol got everybody motivated for the project. Helen Fahey, Ken Melson, Judy Beeman, Regina Barrett, Charysse Alexander, Jennifer Bolen, and over one hundred writers from EOUSA and every other Division in the Department were mobilized by Carol's energy and desire to generate a policy manual that would be available to every AUSA via computer.

What she did with our publications was just one small example of what she did with everybody's ideas. From the establishment of a national Brady/Giglio policy, to the new improved EARS program, to the rapid response to the field on all issues, the urgent reports, the improvement of the LECC victim witness program, the development of a standardized threat assessment program, the improvement of the FOIA effort, the development of the National Advocacy Center, and a host of others, Carol left her mark on all of us. She sought our best ideas and supported, pushed, and implemented them. This was empowerment in its truest form. Somerset Maugham said that it is a funny thing about life—if you refuse to accept anything but the best you very often get it. Carol cannot conceive of accepting anything less from anyone but as hard as she pushed others, she drove herself even harder.

Through the delivery of finished products, something else occurred at the Department. EOUSA's importance as a component within the Department grew. When the Attorney General gave EOUSA a project, Carol saw to it that a high-quality product was delivered in a timely manner. As a consequence, AUSAs were given the opportunity to participate in many of the Department's most important investigations. Whether it was the Oklahoma City bombing, the UNabomber, or other large-scale investigations, AUSAs were given the chance to serve and lead.

The role of the AGAC within the Department also increased in importance with many United States Attorneys making significant contributions on the national level. She sat in on every meeting and made sure that every AGAC subcommittee had AUSA participation. She collected the views of the United States Attorneys on key legislative proposals affecting the Department of Justice. And no question posed by the Attorney General or the Deputy Attorney General went unanswered. As Ms. Gorelick said, "Carol was instrumental in reshaping the role of United States Attorneys as effective participants in policy making within the Department of Justice."

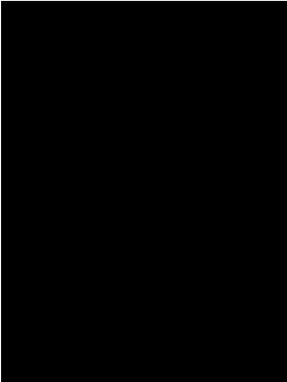
Some of us wondered how she would ever be able to leave after she had made such a total commitment to the organization. Her sense of duty unending, her energy boundless, would she be able to transition? The answer is that without Donna A. Bucella it would have been virtually impossible for Carol to comfortably leave EOUSA. With Donna at the helm, EOUSA is in good hands and we can wish Carol DiBattiste success and happiness in her next endeavor. Mark Twain once said: "thirty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." If we added the phrase, "and do it in a super-organized manner," this could be Carol's creed because she does all this and compresses a lifetime of constructive energy into each moment. All have been enriched by Carol's tenure at EOUSA, and those that had the pleasure of working with her have also been inspired.

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Thank You



In honor of Carol DiBattiste, Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA), and the amazing effort she made to improve the quality of support for our mission in United States Attorneys' offices, and the support to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Department, this Special Commendations issue of the () is dedicated to her.

“Carol DiBattiste represents the Justice Department at its best. She has been a tireless advocate for the needs of U.S. Attorneys' offices, and a leader in helping Main Justice work more closely than ever with prosecutors in the field. We will miss her.”
Janet Reno, Attorney General

“Carol DiBattiste is one of the hardest-working and most dedicated public servants I have met. Throughout her tenure as the Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys she has exhibited outstanding judgment and a commitment to excellence. While we will miss having her wise counsel close at hand here at Main Justice, we also know how very fortunate the Southern District of Florida is to have the benefit of her boundless energy and exceptional talents.” Eric H. Holder, Jr.,
Deputy Attorney General

“Carol, it has been both a privilege and a pleasure to work with you over the past few years, and I will miss you very much. Your professionalism, integrity, judgment, and sheer talent inspired all of us to do better in our own work. SDFL is getting a true gift—and it had better not take it for granted! I wish you all the best of luck in the future, although with your abilities you will hardly need it. Fondly, Seth.” Seth P. Waxman, Solicitor General

“Her drive, tenacity, and compassion make Carol one of the best leaders that I have ever seen. She has the uncanny ability to push us beyond what we believe we are capable of achieving. And after we complete our “impossible” task, she is there to support and praise us and then . . . she is ready to push us some more. With Carol at the helm—nothing is impossible.”
Donna A. Bucella, Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys

“Much has been said about Carol's drive, determination, and commitment to excellence. Even more has been said about her “can do” attitude, incredible work ethic, and ability to get everyone at EOUSA to make the impossible, possible. All of these accolades are certainly well deserved. But the thing that made working for Carol special was the respect, concern, and support she provided to everyone around her. There wasn't a problem too small or a favor too great for Carol. And anyone who participated in an employee farewell witnessed how deeply Carol felt for those who worked for her. Yes, Carol has been an exceptional leader of EOUSA, but more importantly, she's truly an exceptional person. Carol, you will be missed.” Iden Martyn, Principal Deputy Director, EOUSA

“From the minute I first met Carol, I knew that I wanted her on my team. During our time together at the Department of Defense, Carol was a true partner, helping to work through some of the most difficult issues our military has ever faced. This contribution did not escape the attention of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense who desperately tried to get Carol to serve as Inspector General of DOD, one of the Department's most sensitive positions. I was thrilled that, for some strange reason, Carol wanted to come to Justice to take on a very difficult challenge: reshaping how the United States Attorneys participated in policy-making within the Department. With a new crop of U.S. Attorneys of whom few, if any, could spend a

significant amount of time away from their offices, the Department needed a better mechanism for ensuring that their voices were heard on important issues arising within the Department. The answer was Carol DiBattiste, a woman who, it seemed, could be many places simultaneously, who listened well and could understand and synthesize the views of U.S. Attorneys around the country, who could ably and effectively advocate those views on a daily basis, and who could keep the U.S. Attorneys informed so that they could participate more effectively in person at the right time. This incredibly effective performance in a fundamentally redefined job was possible because Carol is so good at team building. She knows talent, which she recruited and nurtured and rewarded. Throughout my tenure, Carol's team was known in the Deputy's Office as the "go to" people when we needed to get something done and get it right. The Department of Justice will continue to be well-served by Carol DiBattiste as she returns to Miami, but her legacy at Main Justice—a legacy of commitment, strength, excellence, and professionalism—will long be felt throughout the Department, and the bonds of friendship and trust she forged will never be broken. It is with great fondness that I wish her the best in her new venture." Jamie S. Gorelick, former Deputy Attorney General.

"I had the opportunity to meet Carol very early in both of our tenures. I was impressed then, as I am now, with the enormous energy she brought to her position, which was a reflection of her commitment to the Offices of the U.S. Attorney. Her wit, charm, and intelligence contributed to her success as Director of EOUSA. I will miss her." Lynne A. Battaglia, United States Attorney, District of Maryland

"Carol's contribution to the Department of Justice—through EOUSA and the United States Attorney community—is nothing short of historic. She reinvented and improved our functioning in a myriad of ways that seems breathtaking in retrospect. Carol has set a standard for the rest of us. She leaves us in good hands a better institution, more capable of meeting our mission to the public. Carol merits and receives, accordingly, our highest praise and our deepest sense of gratitude." Alan D. Bersin, United States Attorney, Southern District of California

"You quickly and subtly reversed the ground swell of griping by the USAs about EOUSA (the tail that kept trying to wag the dog). Under your leadership, EOUSA became precisely what it should be: a premier service agency. Even my AO saw the difference. You will be missed for many, many reasons, not least of which is the fact that you have been such a pleasure to work with." Rebecca A. Betts, United States Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia

"We knew and came to trust that any time we needed assistance (no matter what type) we could call on you and your staff . . . you never sent us away empty-handed." Calvin "Buck" Buchanan, United States Attorney, Northern District of Mississippi

"You have been a tremendous asset and champion for all of our offices and more than that, a loyal friend. Harry Truman said, 'If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.' If Truman had known you, he would have said, 'If you want a friend in Washington, get to know Carol DiBattiste.' You were the glue that held all of us together." Paul E. Coggins, United States Attorney, Northern District of Texas

"As United States Attorney, I have been especially appreciative of your personal responsiveness to the needs of this office . . ." Robert P. Crouch, Jr., United States Attorney, Western District of Virginia

"During your watch, you revolutionized the technical world of the USAOs and inspired, supported, and prodded the USAOs into a higher level of professionalism in the twin areas of staff evaluation and accountability. I applaud your work and persistent vision in those important areas." Michael H. Dettmer, United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan

"Having been installed as United States Attorney before you became Director, I was positioned, as were so many of us, to see the immediate and positive changes you made when you became Director. No matter or person was too insignificant for your attention, which was always rendered promptly, thoroughly, and professionally. It soon became apparent to me that in the uncertain world of Washington, in general, and the Department in particular, that you were someone upon whom we could always depend." Harry D. Dixon, Jr., United States Attorney, Southern District of Georgia

"You have served the U.S. Attorneys magnificently. Your responsiveness to our needs in the field has been tremendous." Edward L. Dowd, Jr., United States Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri

“We very much appreciate the prompt, courteous attention that you always have given to our requests, concerns, and needs. We wish you the very best of luck in your new endeavors.” John Durham, United States Attorney, District of Connecticut

“Throughout your tenure as Director of EOUSA, you have been not only a friend, but a tremendous ally to those of us in the EDVA. Without your assistance, our office would not have the staff or resources to carry out the mission the Attorney General has set for all USAOs.” Helen F. Fahey, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia

“You brought to the Executive Office high goals and a determination to make it better. You succeeded.” Joseph L. Famularo, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Kentucky

“Your leadership in supporting the field on policy related matters and conflicts with the Department has given us necessary confidence, and your unwavering dedication to the upgrading of technology and the evaluation process, among many other things, are hallmarks of your tenure at EOUSA.” W. Charles Grace, United States Attorney, Southern District of Illinois

“Carol, for me you have been an integral part of the people factor. The intense, demanding interaction that is required between the Department of Justice and United States Attorneys could, in the hands of the wrong people, create unnecessary stress and strife. Your leadership has been so instrumental in insuring that regardless of how intense things got we were able to perform our duties in an atmosphere of careful, unpoliticized deliberation.” Saul A. Green, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan

“Without question, you have lead the Executive Office through one of the most dynamic and challenging periods in the history of the Department of Justice. You have been a firm, loyal, and courageous leader for the United States Attorney community. Any success that we have achieved has been due, in large part, to your unwavering support for our efforts.” Walter C. Holton, Jr., United States Attorney, Middle District of North Carolina

“I cannot fathom how you and all the staff can deal so professionally with 94 U.S. Attorneys’ offices, each of which wants an immediate fix for the problem. But you do—and have done so magnificently.” Frances C. Hulin, United States Attorney, Central District of Illinois

“[W]e cannot say enough about the assistance that you have provided to this office and to us personally; so many times you went above and beyond the call of duty; so many times you pulled our derrieres out of the fire.” L.J. Hymel, United States Attorney, and Brian A. Jackson, First Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Louisiana

“Time after time you have provided invaluable assistance to my office. We have accomplished great things these last few years. I am particularly proud of our many victories in such sensitive areas as public corruption, organized crime, and violent crime, to name but a few. These victories have not come without a price. Long hours, the skillful resolution of difficult legal and ethical issues, coupled with pure hard work and perseverance on behalf of our AUSAs have been the elements of our success. Good luck and best wishes to you as you bring your considerable talents and wealth of knowledge to a new and exciting career opportunity.” Eddie J. Jordan, Jr., United States Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana

“I know that most of the time you only heard the complaints and about the problems—too few times have I said “thanks” for listening, providing guidance, and support. I especially want to thank you again for the support provided by the Executive Office under your direction during the Olympic Games preparation period, during the Olympics and, most importantly, after the bombing in Centennial Olympic Park. I wish you the very best in your continuing career with the Department of Justice.” Janet F. King, United States Attorney, Northern District of Georgia

“I congratulate you for the work you have unselfishly done for all U.S. Attorneys, and your loss will be felt across the country.” Carl K. Kirkpatrick, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Tennessee

“During your tenure, you not only accepted responsibility for additional Justice functional units and provided more depth of service to Main Justice counterparts, but you also oversaw the expansion of most U.S. Attorneys’ offices while your own staff enjoyed no similar increase. Despite the limitations to the size of your staff, you somehow managed to meet those increased

challenges and responsibilities with a level of service that warrants our deep appreciation.” Kathryn E. Landreth, United States Attorney, District of Nevada

“You brought new meaning to the concept that EOUSA exists to serve and promote the interests of United States Attorneys and their offices. When United States Attorneys gathered at conferences and elsewhere, there was absolute consensus that EOUSA was advancing our interests.” Nora M. Manella, United States Attorney, Central District of California

“Your dedication to the job and your legendary work ethic have been the hallmark of your tenure at EOUSA.” Scott Matheson, United States Attorney, District of Utah

“Grateful we are for your hours and tears, your thoughtful verdicts, and hard-fought fears, . . . and for gifts that may never be known.” Sherry Scheel Matteucci, United States Attorney, District of Montana

“Under your leadership, I can think of no major decision that has been made without our having a voice, if not a significant impact, on the decision. Because of you, the U.S. Attorneys have had an opportunity to be heard by Congress on legislation which affects us. We have had the opportunity of having many of our finest Assistant U.S. Attorneys working and shaping policy in the Justice Department, and elsewhere in Government, through the many details which you have promoted. We have seen the EARS program expand and a true commitment to improve the management of our offices. We have been provided with the resources and support to aggressively pursue the priority programs of the Attorney General. For these, and countless other reasons, you will be greatly missed.” Denise E. O’Donnell, United States Attorney, Western District of New York

“The Director’s job is nearly impossible: mediating between 93 prima donnas and ‘The Department.’ When inter-Departmental communication consisted of surveys sent out, responses due tomorrow, you got it from both sides [and handled these pressures with true professionalism]. We will miss you and we wish you the very best.” Katrina C. Pflaumer, United States Attorney, Western District of Washington

“For you, this assignment means going home—a justly earned reward for honorable and loyal service.” John Raley, former United States Attorney, Eastern District of Oklahoma

“You are the best. Your dedication and commitment to furthering the mission of the U.S. Attorneys’ offices has been extraordinary.” Karen Schreier, United States Attorney, District of South Dakota

“I am filled with mixed emotions about your departure; however, I am awfully glad for you because I know that you can use some relief from that boiling caldron that is Main Justice. I am also thankful that you were able to leave EOUSA with someone as able and dedicated as you, Donna Bucella. While I know that your new position will bring great challenges and that you will meet them with the same vigor and dedication that you have brought to your work as Director, I hope that you will worry a little less, work a little less, and take just a little time to enjoy some of life’s pleasures to which you are so richly deserving. Thanks for all the help and support you have given me and my District and all of the Districts—particularly the small USAOs. You will be missed.” Gregory M. Sleet, United States Attorney, District of Delaware

“Carol, it has been a great privilege to work closely with you. You are smart, a strong advocate, and a superb manager. The U.S. Attorneys’ offices have been extremely well served by your dedication to see to it that we attract and retain the most talented lawyers around and get the support we need. I’m thrilled that you will continue to be part of the U.S. Attorney community, so that we can benefit from your experience and unfailing optimism.” Donald Stern, United States Attorney, District of Massachusetts

“It is impossible to adequately express my appreciation and gratitude for the job you did as Director of EOUSA. It was my very good fortune to have chaired the AGAC just as you came on board at the Executive Office. Among your many miraculous accomplishments, your greatest may have been to make me look pretty good as the AGAC chairman. We all owe you so much for your unceasing efforts on our behalf. For my part, I want to say thanks for all your hard work and, more importantly, for being such a wonderful friend. I wish you the very best.” Mike Stiles, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

“It was tremendous working with you. The dedication, efficiency, and determination that you brought to your job made the job of United States Attorney so much easier. The District of Columbia’s loss will be Miami’s gain.” Frederick W. Thieman, Former United States Attorney, Western District of Pennsylvania

“The two words that best capture the job you did as Director are ‘brilliance’ and ‘courage.’ Speaking as one, but on behalf of 93 United States Attorneys, it is impossible to overstate what you did, went through and accomplished for the benefit of the United States Attorneys and Assistant United States Attorneys across the country. Always, stay as you are—bright, funny, gutsy, fair, and of unshakeable integrity.” Mary Jo White, United States Attorney, Southern District of New York

“You set a fine example for all of us in your cheerful, fair, energetic, and able response to the exceptional pressures of your job. Well done!” Sheldon Whitehouse, United States Attorney, District of Rhode Island

“We cannot effectively discharge the responsibilities and obligations that we owe to the citizens of our District without a certain level of support from the Executive Office. Under your leadership, the MDFL has been provided with outstanding support, and we are truly grateful for your commitment and dedication to our mission.” Charles P. Wilson, United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida

“From all of our staff in the Northern District of California, we want to express our gratitude for the first-class job you have done as Director of EOUSA. You have built an excellent organization which reflects your hard work and good management. You have been a leader in the very best sense of that word.” Michael Yamaguchi, United States Attorney, Northern District of California

“I would like to express my gratitude to you for all of your hard work and dedication in support of U.S. Attorneys. Your presence will be missed, but we wish you Godspeed.” Sharon J. Zealey, United States Attorney, Southern District of Ohio

“One evening not too long after I moved to Idaho, I received a call from Carol on an urgent matter. She immediately apologized for calling me at night at my home (it was about 9:30 pm MST). I asked Carol where she was and she told me she was still at the office. I pointed out that she was the boss and if she was still at work (nearly midnight D.C. time), then she could call me anytime—no apology necessary. Carol is the kind of boss that makes you proud—she works harder and longer than all of the rest of us and even apologizes when she calls you at home from the office while working late. I hope Florida is ready for that lady.” Terry Derden, First Assistant United States Attorney, District of Idaho

“You and your entire staff have been an extraordinary resource to us here in New Orleans. We have repeatedly tested your patience and endurance with ever-increasingly-sensitive and novel issues, and will be forever grateful for your wisdom and guidance in just such matters. Good luck, God bless, and thanks for everything.” Jim Letten, First Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana

“Your contributions to EOUSA are unparalleled by any of your predecessors. Thank you for the professionalism with which you worked, for the untiring effort to which you were committed in order to respond promptly to the field, and for the endless hours of overtime for which you were never compensated! You have left an impressive mark upon EOUSA and all USAOs, and we thank you for it all! Now, go enjoy Miami! Best wishes to you in your new career there.” Ruth Yeager, Chief, Civil Division, Eastern District of Texas

“How can I capture in words what your work as Director of EOUSA has meant to me personally and professionally. The opportunity that you gave to me when you invited me to come to OLE on a four-month detail (even before you were the Director), blossomed into an incredible experience that every AUSA would be blessed to have. Not only did I learn an incredible amount about the challenges that EOUSA faces on a daily basis as it serves the United States Attorneys’ offices, but I also witnessed how you dealt with those challenges. Day after day, and month after month, I watched you invest countless hours and make many personal sacrifices to get your job done right. The entire Department of Justice family owes you a huge debt of gratitude. We will all benefit from the work you have done as EOUSA’s Director for years to come. I wish you the best.” Charysse Alexander, Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Georgia

“Under Carol’s leadership, I have found a refreshing change in approach from EOUSA: If you have a problem, Carol and Donna will always have someone get back to you promptly with a helpful suggestion or resource. Further, Carol must be one of the hardest working individuals in Washington because she is always accessible during West Coast business hours. Of course there are now more requests for reports and statistics (usually on an emergency basis) than ever before, so I guess there is a quid pro quo.” Jeff Bornstein, Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of California

“One of Carol’s greatest accomplishments during her tenure as Director of EOUSA was to significantly increase the recognition of the USAOs and EOUSA in the Department. Her partnership with the AGAC and the use of Detailees increased the visibility and voice of the field. Carol also made the mission of EOUSA clear to the field—that is to serve the field offices in the most effective and efficient manner possible. Carol, you personally taught me so much about what it means to be dedicated and committed to a cause. Your energy and concern for the people of EOUSA and those in the USAOs was inspiring to me. You were a demanding and wonderful boss who made me do my best and then some every single day.” Juliet Eurich, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Maryland, former EOUSA, Legal Counsel

“Thank you for your confidence in me, your solid support of the OLE training goals, and your example of hard work and dedication. I wish all AUSAs could have the experience of working with you.” Anthony Hall, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Idaho

“Carol was unbelievably responsive to the needs of the OKBOMB Task force, and our needs were ample. We drew attorneys and staff from around the country. Each person needed an individualized memo of understanding, and each of their offices needed a backfill. Travel arrangements and reimbursements for so many dislocated employees presented a potential nightmare. Foreboding tax issues threatened morale. Carol counseled us through it all. Her calm, confident, and easy manner allowed us to rest easy and focus on presenting the evidence. The project could not have succeeded without Carol. She was our miracle worker, for which the entire OKBOMB Team will be forever grateful.” Joe Hartzler, Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of Illinois

“Not a day went by during my detail that I wasn’t reminded, explicitly or otherwise, that the Executive Office exists for the benefit of the U.S. Attorneys’ offices. Carol’s commitment to the districts was very clear and certainly genuine. Responses to inquiries from the field were expected to be prompt and right. But, in the tradition of real leadership, Carol never demanded of her staff more than she was willing to do herself (the only problem being that she was willing to work sixteen hours a day, seven days a week!). What emerged was an office that functions, I believe, as an efficient, service-oriented organization. But my chief impression of Carol was that, in the final analysis, her desire for efficiency never prevented her from devoting serious, considered, and compassionate attention to individual employees affected by her actions. And for that she earned my deepest respect.” Robert Pitman, Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Texas

“Never has EOUSA been as responsive to us in the field, as with Carol at the helm. We are appreciative of the way in which she, and her staff, canvass us in the hinterlands (outside the beltway), for our input re: DOJ policies and potential legislation. Carol’s superb substantive knowledge, her staffing genius (her second in command cannot be beat as well), her rapport with Main Justice, and her accessibility to the field, has enabled us to carry out our responsibilities with the knowledge that we are well informed, well cared for, and that our decisions will be supported. Carol exemplifies what is best about the Department and by emulating her we are better able to do our jobs, that is, to seek justice.” Julie Werner-Simon, Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California

“I’ve had the privilege of working side-by-side with Carol over the last 3 and ½ years. EOUSA has always prided itself on having a mission of support and service to the men and women of the United States Attorneys’ offices, and during her tenure as Director of EOUSA, Carol has made significant contributions to further this mission. Carol’s energy, enthusiasm, and can-do attitude brought new life to EOUSA. Most importantly, Carol had a real concern for her employees and always found the time to offer her support. I believe that she has moved this organization to a level of excellence never before achieved. I will always thank Carol for supporting me professionally and for pushing me beyond what I believed were my own limits. We work very hard in EOUSA, and are motivated by our mission to support the USAOs. Carol DiBattiste is the greatest motivator I have ever known.” Theresa C. Bertucci, Principal Associate Director, EOUSA

“Leadership requires a lot of qualities—you have them all.” Louis Defalaise, Senior Counsel to the Director, EOUSA

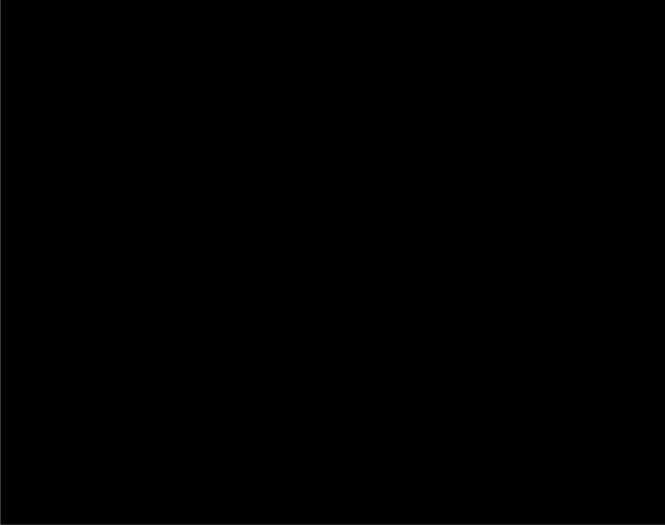
“Working with Carol DiBattiste leaves one impressed with her sense of duty, service, and conscience. As the Director of the Office of Legal Education and later as the Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Carol was not just the person in charge, she was also the best writer, the best thinker, the best problem-solver, the best worker. Her years at EOUSA will be underscored as some of the most productive. They have been exceptional, as exceptional as the person. I thank her for her leadership and friendship. She will be greatly missed.” David Downs, Deputy Director of Operations, EOUSA

“Carol is totally committed to EOUSA, the U.S. Attorneys’ offices, and our mission. On every issue, she made sure that our voice was heard in the Department.” Marcia Johnson, Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Ohio, detailed to the Office of Legal Counsel, EOUSA

“Carol has been a great supervisor, an inspirational leader, a mentor, and most of all, a friend. Carol’s leadership and service have always proven to be examples to all who work with her. Carol’s work at the Executive Office for United States Attorneys has always been just that—the United States Attorneys and those who serve on their staffs.” Connie Kozlusky, Special Assistant to the Director, EOUSA

“‘You manage things; you lead people.’ - Grace Murray Hopper. Carol, you are a true leader in EVERY sense of the word. I will miss you tremendously.” Mike Bailie, Director, Office of Legal Education, EOUSA ~

Carol DiBattiste's Contribution to the National Advocacy Center



Training is just one way that the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) fulfills its obligations to the United States Attorneys' offices (USAOs) throughout the country. During her tenure as Director of EOUSA, Carol DiBattiste worked hard to bring to fruition the concept of a state of the art facility that would permit the Office of Legal Education (OLE) to train Assistant United States Attorneys, Department of Justice Attorneys, Federal agency attorneys, USAO and DOJ support personnel, as well as state and local prosecutors. In January 1998, the National Advocacy Center (NAC) in Columbia, South Carolina, will be completed and, in April 1998, OLE will open the doors of the NAC and step into a new era of training some of the finest lawyers in the country.

The NAC will be a centralized training facility specifically designed to teach prosecutors. The NAC will feature an integrated instructional and residential facility augmented by a conference and research center with student

and support services on site. Carol participated in the design of the facility and supervised the project from ground breaking ALMOST to completion. The finished product will definitely reflect Carol's demand for the best for the Department and its lawyers! ~



Litigation Arising Under AEDPA and IIRIRA Focuses On Proper Forum For Constitutional Challenges to Removal

Over a year after the enactment of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), one issue has risen to the forefront: whether the general habeas corpus statute at 28 U.S.C. § 2241 affords district courts jurisdiction to review deportation orders entered against aliens who are precluded by IIRIRA from obtaining review in the courts of appeals. Under IIRIRA, as well as the previously-enacted Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA), aliens convicted of specified serious crimes may not seek judicial review of their deportation orders, a remedy that is available to other aliens who file review petitions in the courts of appeals. IIRIRA also includes other bars to judicial review, such as provisions which insulate discretionary decisions of the Attorney General from such review. *See, e.g.,* , 95 F.3d 309, 311 (3rd Cir. 1996) (no judicial review of discretionary determinations of the Attorney General regarding applications for certain forms of discretionary relief from deportation and exclusion).

The courts of appeals have been virtually unanimous in applying the new criminal alien jurisdictional provisions and in dismissing review petitions filed by criminal aliens. In so doing, however, several courts have avoided constitutional challenges to the new jurisdictional provisions by observing that judicial review may not be withdrawn where the constitutional rights of aliens are at stake. *See, e.g.,* , 95 F.3d 309, 311 (3rd Cir. 1996). At least some of these courts have suggested that a criminal alien's recourse for challenging a removal order may be to file a habeas corpus petition in district court. *See* , 101 F.3d 785, 791, (1st Cir. 1996) (holding that the elimination of direct judicial review of a deportation order does not offend due process or the separation of powers doctrine because "any habeas review that is required by the Constitution remains available"). Conversely, the Tenth Circuit has dismissed a review petition for lack of jurisdiction, but in the process addressed the criminal alien's constitutional claims with no suggestion that the alien could seek any judicial review in district court. , 124 F.3d 1244 (10th Cir. 1997).

At least two district courts have held that they "retain" jurisdiction to review deportation orders entered against criminal aliens under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. In , 970 F.Supp. 130 (E.D.N.Y. 1997), the district court held that it had jurisdiction to review the alien's deportation order under the habeas statute because IIRIRA does not expressly repeal Section 2241, and it suggested that aliens who cannot seek review of their deportation orders in the courts of appeals (in light of their criminal convictions) can still obtain review of all issues in the district courts, and not just review of constitutional claims. In , 958 F.Supp. 828 (S.D.N.Y. 1997), the district court held that even if district court review extends only to constitutional claims, it had jurisdiction to review Yesil's deportation order because the Board committed an error of statutory interpretation which deprived Yesil of due process. The Government has appealed both the and cases to the Second Circuit. Similar jurisdictional issues are also now being actively litigated before the First and Fifth Circuits.

The position of the Civil Division's Office of Immigration Litigation (OIL) is that the and decisions are incorrect, and that district courts now generally have no role to play in the review of immigration matters. In cases arising under AEDPA and IIRIRA, OIL has taken the position that the AEDPA and IIRIRA judicial review provisions do not preclude the courts of appeals from reviewing substantial constitutional challenges to orders of removal, even for criminal aliens. OIL's position is that such review easily satisfies the minimal level of judicial review required by Article I, clause 2 of the Constitution, which prohibits suspension of the writ of habeas corpus. OIL's position relies, in part, on the canon of statutory interpretation set forth by the Supreme Court in , 486 U.S. 592 (1988), whereby the courts will not presume that Congress intended to preclude judicial review of constitutional claims absent a clear expression of Congressional intent to do so. Neither AEDPA nor IIRIRA expressly state that a criminal alien's constitutional claims cannot be reviewed in the courts of appeals; in fact, a new provision effective for aliens placed into removal proceedings after April 1, 1997, states that "[j]udicial review of all questions of law and fact, including interpretation and application of constitutional and statutory provisions, arising from any action taken or proceeding brought to remove an alien from the United States under this title shall be available only in judicial review of a final order under this section."

Moreover, since 1961, the "sole and exclusive" method for any alien to obtain judicial review of a deportation order has been to file a review petition in the appropriate court of appeals. The only exception to this review scheme was set forth in former Section 106(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which enabled detained deportable aliens to seek habeas corpus review; this provision was expressly repealed by AEDPA. In light of this legislative history, and IIRIRA's clearly expressed intent to streamline the judicial review process, it thus seems unlikely that Congress intended to withdraw direct judicial review in the courts of appeals, only to allow criminal aliens to begin the review process in the district courts. This conclusion is reinforced by new INA Section 242(g), which states that "[e]xcept as provided in this section and notwithstanding any other

provision of law, no court shall have jurisdiction over any cause or claim by or on behalf of any alien arising from the decision or action by the Attorney General to commence proceedings, adjudicate case, or execute removal orders against any alien under this Act.”

OIL will provide resources and assistance to you in handling habeas corpus challenges to removal orders and other immigration-related matters. Please contact OIL Assistant Director David M. McConnell at (202) 616-4881 for help and advice. ~

1997 Director's Awards Executive Office For United States Attorneys

On September 26, 1997, at a ceremony in the Great Hall of the DOJ, Attorney General Janet Reno, Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder, EOUSA Director Carol DiBattiste, and EOUSA Principal Deputy Director Donna Bucella presented the 1996 Director's Awards honoring the men and women of the United States Attorneys' offices, EOUSA, and DOJ for their outstanding efforts in the areas of drug-related cases, violent crime, financial institution fraud, civil enforcement, financial litigation, and other law enforcement activities. The award recipients were:

Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney

Wallace H. Kleindienst (District of Arizona)
Thomas C. Simon (District of Arizona)
Steven N. Snyder and Mark W. Webb (Western District of Arkansas)
Sean R. Berry, Carolyn J. Kubota, and David C. Scheper (Central District of California)
Ronald L. Cheng (Central District of California)
Marc S. Harris (Central District of California)
John C. Rayburn, Jr., and Deirdre Z. Eliot (Central District of California)
Kathryn M. Ritchie (Central District of California)
Michael G. Terrell and Terri A. Ecoff (Central District of California)
Charles Michael Zweiback (Central District of California)
Daniel S. Linhardt and Eugene G. Illovsy (Eastern District of California)
Elizabeth K. Lee and Elizabeth A. de la Vega (Northern District of California)
Parker Singh (Northern District of California)
Mark St. Angelo (Northern District of California)
George C. Aguilar and Michael J. Dowd (Southern District of California) and, Posthumously, Robert F. DePippo (Criminal Division)
Cynthia A. Bashant and Todd Wallace Robinson (Southern District of California)
Charles G. LaBella, Phillip L. B. Halpern, Stephen P. Clark, Thomas W. McNamara, and Kevin James Kelly (Southern District of California)
Kathleen Louise Torres (District of Colorado)
Thomas J. Murphy and Peter A. Clark (District of Connecticut)
William M. Blier (District of Columbia)
Kimberly N. Tarver (District of Columbia)
Kenneth L. Wainstein (District of Columbia)
Paul G. Byron (Middle District of Florida)
Mark B. Devereaux (Middle District of Florida)
Steven R. Petri and Adrienne Rabinowitz (Southern District of Florida)
Vivian Rosado (Southern District of Florida)
John R. Roth (Southern District of Florida)
Barry M. Sabin (Southern District of Florida)
Paul F. Schwartz (Southern District of Florida)
Jeffrey H. Sloman (Southern District of Florida)
Gale McKenzie (Northern District of Georgia)
Thomas A. Withers and Frederick W. Kramer, III (Southern District of Georgia); Christopher Varner (Criminal Division); Nina L. Hunt (Northern District of Georgia); and Scott S. Dahl (Civil Division)
Thomas A. Helper (District of Hawaii)
Jonathan Bunge (Northern District of Illinois)
Gillum Ferguson (Northern District of Illinois)
Jerome N. Krulewitch (Northern District of Illinois)

Victoria J. Peters, Matthew M. Schneider, and Robert Christopher Cook (Northern District of Illinois)
Michael J. Quinley (Southern District of Illinois)
Tim A. Baker (Southern District of Indiana)
Judith A. Whetstine, Robert L. Teig, and Rodger E. Overholser (Northern District of Iowa)
Lanny Dee Welch and Dale Blair Watson (District of Kansas)
Kenneth R. Taylor (Eastern District of Kentucky)
James R. Lesousky, Jr. (Western District of Kentucky)
Robert W. Gillespie, Jr. (Western District of Louisiana)
Jonathan R. Chapman (District of Maine)
John A. Capin and Julie S. Schrage (District of Massachusetts)
Susan Hanson-Philbrick, June C. Seraydar, and Alex G. Whiting (District of Massachusetts)
James F. Lang, Michael J. Pelgro, and Timothy Q. Feeley (District of Massachusetts)
Gary M. Felder (Eastern District of Michigan)
Wayne F. Pratt and Ronald W. Waterstreet (Eastern District of Michigan)
Jeffrey E. Theodore (Western District of Michigan)
Michael W. Reap (Eastern District of Missouri)
Daniel R. Schiess (District of Nevada)
Donna Gallucio and John J. Carney (District of New Jersey)
James B. Nobile and Larry R. C. Stephen (District of New Jersey)
Stuart Jeff Rabner and Jeffrey D. Smith (District of New Jersey)
Patty Shwartz (District of New Jersey)
Bonnie S. Klapper (Eastern District of New York)
Mark W. Lerner and Lisa M. Fleischman (Eastern District of New York)
Elizabeth A. Lesser, Patricia E. Notopoulos, Pamela J. Davis, Jo Ann M. Navickas, Jo Anne Weissbart, and Lauren Jo Resnick (Eastern District of New York)
Alan B. Vickery and Lee G. Dunst (Eastern District of New York)
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Clarence "Terry" Clark (Southern District of Texas), Michael T. Shelby (District of Arizona), and David J.

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Ernest C. Garcia (Western District of Texas)
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Lawrence R. Leonard (Eastern District of Virginia)
Philip H. Lynch (Western District of Washington)
Susan M. Roe (Western District of Washington)
Sharon L. Potter (Northern District of West Virginia)
Hunter P. Smith Jr. (Southern District of West Virginia)
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John W. Vaudreuil (Western District of Wisconsin)

Superior Performance as a Special Assistant United States Attorney

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David A. Maer (Southern District of Florida)
Sara Fullerton (District of Nebraska)
Terrence Donnelly (District of Rhode Island)
David Uhlmann (District of South Dakota)

Executive Achievement Award

Stephen Cooper (District of Alaska)
Rosemary S. Zimbelman (District of Idaho)
Linda L. Kelly (Western District of Pennsylvania)
Richard L. Durbin, Jr. (Western District of Texas)

Superior Performance in a Managerial or Supervisory Role

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Gail G. Toohey (Northern District of Georgia)
James B. Farmer (District of Massachusetts)
Barbara D. Underwood (Eastern District of New York)
Robin Ellyn Feder (District of Rhode Island)
Paul W. Suddes (District of South Carolina)
Wesley Dean Rivers (Eastern District of Texas)
Nash W. Schott and Rosanne Cannon Haney (Eastern District of Virginia)
Posthumously, Karl K. Lunkenheimer (Eastern District of Pennsylvania)

Appreciation Award for Enhancing the Missions of the
Executive Office for United States Attorneys and the
United States Attorneys' Offices

William K. Wooden (District of Colorado)
Robert T. Gatewood, Jr., and Ray S. Gilkes (Executive Office for United States Attorneys)
L. Carol Sloan, Linda S. Barth, Glenn L. Weiland, Sheila Vaswani, Laura A. Brown, Anne M. Larsen,
Eleanor J. Virata, and Kevin Krause (Executive Office for United States Attorneys)
David H. Tait (Executive Office for United States Attorneys)
Rita Wehmeyer (Western District of Missouri)
Joseph D. "Butch" Henderson (Eastern District of Texas)
Kent Cassibry (Southern District of Texas), James Russell Dedrick (Eastern District of Tennessee), John H.
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Gretchen L. Witt (District of New Hampshire)

Superior Performance in a Litigative Support Role

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C. Diane Tindall (Central District of California)
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Diane S. De Rosa (Southern District of Florida)
Alvydas J. Jonikas (Northern District of Illinois)
Vickie Sue Chodzinski (Northern District of Indiana)
Kena L. Rice (District of Kansas)
Kathleen Reilly (District of Massachusetts)
Leana M. Mayberry (Eastern District of Michigan)
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Jennifer L. Pizzano (Eastern District of New York)
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Norma F. Holland (Eastern District of North Carolina)
Gary M. Mlot (Eastern District of North Carolina)
Elisabeth M. Regan (Eastern District of North Carolina)
Sharon R. Parish (Northern District of Ohio)
Patricia M. Doyle (Eastern District of Pennsylvania)
Loretta Dean Lee, Pamala A. Nelson, and Maureen Christopherson (Eastern District of Texas)
Peggy J. Drennon (Northern District of Texas)
Doris Marie Davis (Southern District of Texas)
Linda L. Engle (District of Utah)

Superior Achievement in Furthering Equal Employment Opportunity

Mary Kay Burgess (Eastern District of Washington)

Mark Gallinghouse Award for Excellence in Financial Litigation

Elizabeth Ruf Stein (Southern District of Florida)

Superior Performance in Affirmative Civil Enforcement

Larry B. Selkowitz (Middle District of Pennsylvania)

Superior Performance in Asset Forfeiture

Jesse Rodriguez and Susan Beth Kempner (Southern District of Texas); Kim M. Woxman (Federal Bureau of Investigation); Robert Rutt, Stephen Guillot, and William Metzger (United States Customs Service)

Outstanding Performance in Law Enforcement Coordination

Joanne M. Harrison (Northern District of Ohio)

Outstanding Performance in Victim-Witness Assistance

Sandra P. Dennis (Eastern District of Tennessee)

Appreciation Award for Contributions to the
Executive Office for United States Attorneys and the
United States Attorneys' Offices

Stephanie M. Boucher, Norma J. Ferguson, C. Miranda Morrison, and Michael S. Weinstein (Executive Office for United States Attorneys)

Gerald Lambert, Lynn A. Dean, Mary Kay Dean, Rodney D. Vines, Jo-Ann B. Martinez, Devondolyn A. Dickerson, and Kristena D. Kornegay (Executive Office for United States Attorneys)

Louis DeFalaise (Executive Office for United States Attorneys)

Carol S. Cribbs (Justice Management Division) ~

USABook and the New United States Attorneys' Manual

A new edition of the () was published in November. The primary goal of the revision project—to reduce the size of the hard cover edition—was accomplished. The new is a compact and easy to use, one volume collection of Department policies.

The reduction from five volumes to one was accomplished by removing non-policy material from the manual. A smaller “policy only” makes it easier to identify and follow Department policies. While the non-policy guidance in the old was sometimes helpful, it was not always easy to determine which provisions were required procedures, and which provisions were merely suggestions on how to handle cases. Since the USAM is a public document, this has sometimes resulted in claims and challenges by adverse parties that Department attorneys were not following policy, on matters that were never intended to be required policy.

The USAM on USABook

Another goal in the revision project was to publish a computer edition. This would allow users to quickly search for words and phrases, and use to go back and forth between the and related documents that are not part of the . For example, useful non-policy material that was removed from the as part of the revision project can be retrieved with a single keystroke. In addition, the editors solicited and received hundreds of memoranda, forms, and documents that are now electronically linked to the computer version of the . This is a continuing project. As Department users see the power and utility of the new computer edition of the , we hope you will share more of this material with their colleagues. See “How to Contribute Materials to the Electronic ” below for information on sending us material for the .

To accomplish the goal of creating a computer edition of the , we have added the new to the USABook library. The USABook library is a collection of books, monographs, form books, and case notes designed to help federal prosecutors research and prepare cases. USABook documents can be browsed on the screen, and marked and saved as text files that can be edited and printed using WordPerfect. See “The USABook Library” below for a list of current publications.

The USABook Library

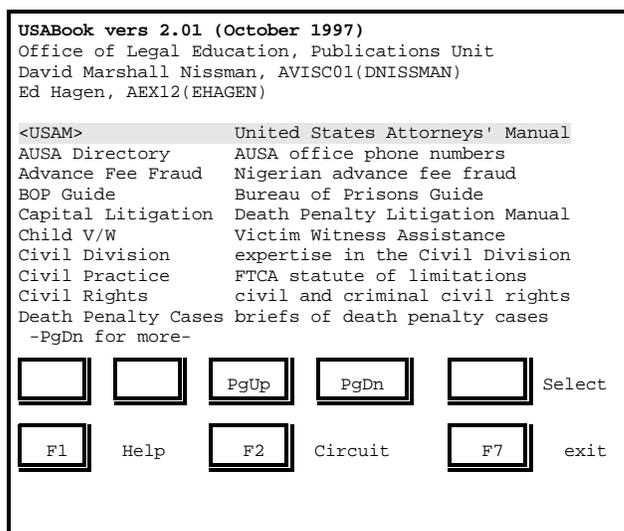
The USABook library grows every month. It includes practical skills legal textbooks written by and for Federal prosecutors (the Office of Legal Education’s), selected texts from the Federal Judicial Center, and monographs and form books used widely by Federal lawyers.

As of late 1997, in addition to the New , the USABook library includes: Advance Fee Fraud, a monograph on prosecuting Nigerian advance fee fraud cases; 1996 Assets Forfeiture Policy Manual; an AUSA telephone directory; the 1995-96 Prosecutor’s Guide to the Bureau of Prisons; a monograph on the Statute of Limitations under the Federal Tort Claims Act; Capital Litigation, a death penalty litigation manual; Child Victims and Witnesses, a September 1997 Victim Witness Unit Publication; Civil Rights, a manual on civil and criminal civil rights cases; death penalty case summaries; Debtbeat Magazine, a financial litigation newsletter; Drafting Indictments, the March 1995 Indictment Form Book; summaries of environmental law cases; the Ethics and Professional Responsibility Manual; the text of all Government ethics regulations; Expertise in the Civil Division the Fair Housing Act and related source materials; Firearms Offenses a manual on Federal firearms offenses; forms for health care fraud prosecutions; Federal Homicide Prosecutions, featuring the “Gang Homicide Checklist”; a February 1997 manual from the Federal Judiciary Center; Immigration Law; a 7th Circuit manual on jury management; Qui Tam course materials and forms; the Federal Judicial Center’s Manual on Recurring Problems in Criminal Trials , a manual from the Federal Judicial Center; the Criminal Tax Manual; the Attorney General’s 1995 Victim Witness Guidelines; and the Violent Crimes Manual.

USABook can be run by double clicking on the USABook icon that should be found in the Legal Research group under Windows. If you can't locate the USABook icon, contact your System Manager to help you; they have been directed to make USABook, including the , available on all of the personal computers in the Department.

The illustration below shows the opening screen of the USABook program, which displays an alphabetical list of USABook publications. You can page up and down, highlight the publication you wish to view, and press the [= Enter] key to select it. The keys strokes used to access USABook features are depicted on the screen. For example, at the bottom left of the screen is a picture of the [F1] function key, next to the word . This tells you that pressing the [F1] key will bring up a screen of context-sensitive help information.

The USABook Opening Screen



Searching for Text

When you select a USABook publication, a table of contents for that publication is displayed on the screen. You can navigate through publications by highlighting and selecting the chapter and section you wish to view. Alternatively, if you don't know which section contains the information you need, you can search each document by pressing the [F2] key displayed at the bottom of every table of contents screen. This will result in a query box that looks something like this:

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Here, the user pressed [F2] after opening Title 7 of the , and entered a query seeking sections that contain both the phrase “grand jury authority” and the word fragment “memorand” (so the search will match “memoranda” and “memorandum”). As illustrated above, queries can be made more complex and specific by grouping AND and OR operators using parentheses.

Viewing Documents

Using the above query, the following is an illustration of the first match displayed on the screen:

Title 7 (Antitrust), Chapter 5 (Procedures) SAM 7-5.310 updated 11/05/97 page 1/2

If, based upon evidence initially presented to the United States Attorney at the conclusion of a preliminary inquiry, the United States Attorney believes that there is sufficient evidence to proceed to the grand jury, the United States Attorney should request authority to conduct a grand jury investigation from the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division. The request for authority should be in the form of a brief MEMORANDUM sent to the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Criminal Enforcement, Room 3214, Main Justice (202-514-3543) for review. See Antitrust Resource Manual 4-1 for instructions on preparing a Memorandum Seeking Authority. If this grand jury memo initiates the investigation, i.e., if no preliminary inquiry was required, the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Criminal Enforcement will seek Federal Trade Commission clearance based upon the grand jury request MEMORANDUM. The Deputy Assistant Attorney General then submits it to the Assistant Attorney General, who approves or disapproves the request. The United States Attorney is advised promptly of the decision. This approval process



Note that the search terms appear in bold face on the screen. The reverse video I in the middle of the page is a cursor that can take you to the document referenced in the text. In this example, pressing I takes you to document 4 in the list.

To save any USABook document as a WordPerfect file, press the [F2] function key. (See the "Save" key at the bottom of the screen). After your USABook research session is completed, you can use WordPerfect to retrieve any documents you have tagged so that you can edit, print, or insert the text into other documents.

Training and Support

The new version on USABook should be available on every desktop in the Department. In addition, System Managers have been given copies of a two-page tutorial designed for all users of the new version on USABook.

Technical questions from System Managers or users should be directed to Ed Hagen, Office of Legal Education, (202) 616-3654 or Email aex12!ehagen.

How to Contribute Materials to the Electronic USAM

It is the Executive Office for United States Attorneys' goal to make the new a complete research library. As noted in this article, we can place links in the text of provisions to provide supplemental information. Some Department components provided editors with terrific supplemental material during the revision project. For example, if you search Title 4 for "odometer fraud," you will find that the Consumer Litigation Section provided the legislative history of the statute, a sample document subpoena, sample pleadings, and sample jury instructions.

We would like to provide these types of materials for every provision in the . If you have a good memorandum addressing an issue, a comprehensive pleading, or jury instructions that you would like to share with your colleagues, please send them via Email to David Nissman, avic01!dnissman. Please specify in your Email the section or sections to contain the link to your materials.

The Office of Legal Education has extra copies of the . If your office is interested in obtaining some extra copies, please send an Email to Ed Hagen at aex12!ehagen indicating the number of copies desired and the shipping address.

C o m m e n d a t i o n s

The following commendations were submitted to the Executive Office for United States Attorneys during the period May through October 1997. The publishes commendations biannually of Assistant United States Attorneys and USAO personnel commended with them.

G. Norman Acker, III (Eastern District of North Carolina), by Special Agent in Charge Richard A. Easley, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Department of Defense, for his outstanding efforts in the successful settlement of two false claims cases—Harbor Health Care Group Incorporated and Ronald Chambers Frier.

Kathryn M. Aldridge (Southern District of Georgia), by FBI Acting Supervisory Senior Resident Agent William Kirkconnell, Atlanta, Georgia, for her superb efforts in the successful prosecution of Esau Staley, III, for carjacking, kidnapping, and interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle.

Kevin Alexander (Eastern District of Arkansas), received a Certificate of Appreciation from DEA Special Agent in Charge Ronald J. Caffrey, for his outstanding efforts in the successful prosecution of an OCDETF investigation of Charles Ray Harkey.

Grisel Alonso (Southern District of Florida), by United States Attorney Walter C. Holton, Jr., Middle District of North Carolina, for her outstanding efforts in representing the Department of Housing and Urban Development in three multidistrict civil cases.

Gary L. Anderson (Western District of Texas), by Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Minor, Staff Judge Advocate, Department of the Army, for his outstanding efforts and support in representing the United States Army in civil litigation cases.

Robert Anderson (Western District of Wisconsin), by Colonel David P. Carey, Chief, Litigation Division, United States Army Legal Services Agency, for his outstanding efforts in , an employment discrimination case based on sex.

W. Scott Bales (District of Arizona), for receiving the Inspector General Award of Merit from Inspector General Michael R. Bromwich, for his extraordinary efforts in the sensitive and critical investigation of the FBI Laboratory.

Kenneth C. Bauman (District of Oregon), by Warden Joseph H. Crabtree, Federal Correctional Institution, Federal Bureau of Prisons, for handling 54 Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus relating to early release eligibility pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3621(e) for inmates who had completed the Residential Drug Abuse Program.

Lawrence Beaumont (Central District of Illinois), by Director Robert H. Newton, Illinois Securities Department, Office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois; and Lawrence R. Fichter, State's Attorney of Macon County, Illinois, for his outstanding efforts in the successful prosecution of Larry E. Smith who pled guilty to felony theft and agreed to return over \$160,000 to an elderly client he victimized.

Karen D. Beausey (Northern District of California), by Inspector General Charles Masten, Department of Labor, for her extraordinary efforts in the successful prosecution of Ronald Loetz for wire fraud and money laundering.

Gill Paul Beck (Middle District of North Carolina), by United States Attorney Walter C. Holton, Jr., Middle District of North Carolina, for his outstanding efforts in representing the Department of Housing and Urban Development in three multidistrict civil cases.

Paul S. Becker (Western District of Missouri), by Inspector General Charles Masten, Department of Labor, for his extraordinary efforts in the successful prosecution of _____, in which the defendants set fire to a construction trailer that contained 20,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate, resulting in the deaths of six Kansas City firemen.

Joanne Bender, Paralegal Assistant (District of South Dakota), by Chief Robert S. Watkins, Civil Trial Section, Central Region, Tax Division, for her outstanding assistance in _____, a tax refund suit.

James Benjamin (Southern District of New York), by Assistant Inspector General for Investigations Stephen N. Marica, Small Business Administration (SBA), for his diligent, conscientious efforts in the successful prosecution of former SBA employee Lamaris Givens who used her position with SBA to obtain the Social Security numbers and other identifying data regarding fellow employees and an SBA award recipient to open numerous fraudulent credit card accounts and illegally obtained thousands of dollars worth of consumer goods.

Patricia Beyer (Southern District of Alabama), by Colonel William S. Vogel, Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, for her outstanding efforts in _____, a sexual discrimination case based on a hostile environment, remarks, and comments.

James L. Bickett (Northern District of Ohio), by General Counsel Jeffrey S. Bromme, Consumer Product Safety Commission, for his outstanding efforts in obtaining an establishment inspection warrant for Midwest Fireworks Manufacturing Company to determine whether they were storing and selling illegal fireworks.

Despena F. Billings (District of Massachusetts), by The Honorable Martin T. Meehan, House of Representatives, for her superb efforts in the investigation and successful prosecution of Paul E. Lowe for carjacking, kidnapping, and transportation for illegal sexual activity.

Edmund A. Booth, Jr., First AUSA (Southern District of Georgia), by Warden Tom L. Wooten, Federal Bureau of Prisons, for his excellent representation at the preliminary hearing held in Brunswick on July 1, 1997, for _____, a Title VII employment discrimination case.

Jeffrey L. Bornstein (Northern District of California), by Inspector General Charles Masten, Department of Labor, for his outstanding efforts in the successful prosecution of Ronald Loetz for wire fraud and money laundering.

Robert Borthwick (Central District of California), by United States Attorney Betty H. Richardson, District of Idaho, for his exceptional assistance in a marijuana smuggling case.

Theresa Bozak, Paralegal Specialist (Northern District of Ohio), by Grady P. Appleton, Executive Director, East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation, Akron, Ohio, for the assistance she provided to obtain property through the Weed and Seed Program.

Thomas J. Brady (District of Hawaii), by Acting Associate Director P.J. Walshe, Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions of Australia, for his efforts in the proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 1987 against Michael Paul Stafrace; and by United States Attorney Betty H. Richardson, District of Idaho, for his outstanding efforts in the drug smuggling and money laundering case against the Miller brothers.

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